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Goodwin Says Adios

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The transfer of Richard N. Goodwin from the State Department to the Peace Corps, closes another chapter in the controversial case of the young man who was once President Kennedy's closest confidant on matters concerning Latin American affairs.

Mr. Goodwin, 30, deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, will head a Peace Corps project to help other countries establish similar organizations of their own.

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Actually, he has not been a member of State's inter-American policy making team since last September when he was detached to the Peace Corps to set up a "middle-level manpower" conference held in Puerto Rico last October.

Altho he had no experience in Latin America, and did not speak Spanish, the young Harvard Law School graduate who had been a speech writer for Mr. Kennedy during the 1960 campaign, became assistant to Arthur Schlesinger Jr., specializing in Latin America.

Mr. Kennedy did not name an Assistant Secretary of State for inter-American affairs until July, 1961, and in the interim, Mr. Goodwin became known as "the man to see" regarding Latin America.

CHATS WITH 'CHE'

He was still working out of the White House at the time of his famous secret meeting with Cuba's Ernesto "Che" Guevara in Montevideo, Uruguay, August 18, 1961.

The meeting was exposed by the South American press. State Department officials now say it was partially responsible for anti-Castro military reactions against the governments of Argentina and Brazil.

In December, the President named Goodwin to the State Department job.

Sources say he clashed with Robert Woodward, Assistant Secretary of State, who was later named Ambassador to Spain.

Unpopular with State Department career officers, Mr. Goodwin also alienated AID's Fowler Hamilton by negotiating, on his own, a proposed \$140 million loan agreement with Chile, Alliance sources say.

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Under Mr. Woodward's successor, Edwin Martin, Mr. Goodwin's role greatly diminished. Altho Mr. Goodwin outranked the other two deputy assistant secretaries on paper, Herbert May, a former Treasury Department official, actually became Mr. Martin's right hand. The able economist was also named as a top aide to Alliance boss Teodoro Moscoso, serving as an important "bridge" between the two agencies.

Mr. Goodwin, a Boston-born lawyer who once clerked for Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, apparently came too far too fast, according to his colleagues at State.

Nevertheless, he earned the respect of Latin American diplomats who often turned to him to cut red tape and speed loan projects.

In so doing, however, he went over many bureaucratic heads and they resented it.

R. Sargent Shriver, Peace Corps Director, hopes Mr. Goodwin can help transform the Peace Corps into a free-world-wide movement. A number of nations have indicated they would like to organize local peace corps groups.



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